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Five arrested for trying to blow up Ohio bridge



Bombing suspects Brandon Baxter, Anthony Hayne, and Joshua Stafford





Bombing suspects Douglas Wright and Connor Stevens

CHICAGO(AFP) - Five self-described anarchists were arrested in a plot to blow up an Ohio bridge but the public was never in any danger, the FBI said yesterday. The anarchists spent months discussing several different attacks before settling on the bridge near

Cleveland.

They did not realize they were being closely monitored and had purchased inoperable explosives from an undercover FBI agent until they were arrested after trying to detonate the bombs.

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Queens Day 2012 Honoring Queen Beatrix with pomp and circumstance

Many Arubans began their day of honoring their monarch, **HRM** Queen Beatrix, by attending the official ceremony in Wilhelmina Park in Oranjestad. The park is named for the Queen's grandmother; it is the actual birthday of Queen Juliana, the present monarch's mother, which is celebrated on April 30 as the Dutch Kingdom's special day. When ascending the throne on



Governor Refunjol and wife, Organizers of official celebration and representatives of Police and Marines



Fife and drum play the national anthems

this date in 1980, the new queen noted it had become such a tradition, it was decided to keep it as the national celebration, rather than switch to her actual birth date, January 28, not the best time of year for a day traditionally filled with outdoor events, particularly if you live in Holland.

A day full of festivities around the island started with the protocol ceremony in Oranjestad, attended by Aruba's Prime Minister,

Mike Eman, parliamentarians and ministers. Ritual demands Governor Fredis Refunjol perform a formal inspection of an honor guard from the Royal Dutch Marines, followed by a rendition of the national anthems of both Holland and Aruba, performed by the fife and drum corps.

This year, the Governor's address to the community has a very personal note, as Her Royal Majesty, Queen Beatrix, accompanied by POV Willem-Alexander, heir to the throne, and his wife HRH Princess Maxima,

paid Aruba a Royal Visit at the end of September 2011; they were revealed to be sociable, friendly, and harboring a sincere concern and interest in the people of Aruba.

President of Parliament Paul Croes also address those attending the morning's ceremonies. He pointed out that one of the elements of the event is a disclaimer to all the complaints of the dissolution of island youth, how they are be subverted by drugs and media.

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Communication and structure to be revamped at Immigration

ORANJESTAD -- Last Thursday, civil employees of the Immigration Department along with representatives of the SEPPA, TOPA and STA unions and the Ministeer of Justice, met to discuss the situation and concerns of the Immigration Department. Reportedly, this was a very productive meeting.

Reportedly, a commission will be appointed to work along with the Department and will analyse the different problems and challenges within the Department. This commission will also give much attention to the communication process in the Department. They will advise concerning the structure and organization and will provide support to the management.

The Minister expects that soon they will achieve a measure of stability in the Department. He is of the opinion that there ought to be a certain sense of responsibility in the management and the creation of a new structure to guarantee tranquility and stability.

The employees discussed the matter of promotions with the Minister. For promotions to take place, employees must be upgraded through training programs, but because there was no training programs available, no promotions took place for the longest while.

The Minister reported that a training program is sheduled to begin in the month of May. He indicated that they are also contemplating promotions based on the basis of a solid basic training program. This possibilitity will be duly explored.

The Immigration Department is a very important partner in the protection of our border and plays a vital role in guaranteeing the security of the island. And, communication is an essential element in the tasks of Immigration officers. Hence, the commission will implement structural meetings to help improve optimal communication in the excercising of the various fuctions of the entire department.

It is believed that there are numerous improvements and positive developments in the pipeline for the Immigration Department. The employees were pleased with the openness of the Minister and for the opportunity to exchange ideas and conversation with him.

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Aruba celebrates traditions by honoring their outstanding youth



Honored youth with Governor Refunjol, PM Mike Eman, and President of Parliament Paul Croes. At left, the Club di Movemiento members; at right, Ethan Westera (3rd right), Marifer Aquirre (2nd right), and Brandon Rincones(in front next to PM Eman).

Parents and island administrators take heart and feel pride for the young people who demonstrate hope for the future in their community spirit, patriotism and being role models for others of their generation. A beloved tradition of the annual Queens Day celebration is to honor these youngsters who will most certainly be the leaders of the future.

For many years, the youngsters who were honored were traditionally athletes, as they had the greatest opportunity to compete in the world arena, but this year's honorees truly run the gamut from athletic prowess, to artistic talent and concern for the environment, community and culture.

Marifer Aquirre has been active since an early age in community affairs. She served as Minister of the Environment on Aruba's Junior Parliament, and organized Aruba's first "Earth Hour" observance, which encouraged all residents

to turn off their lights for one hour in a demonstration of cooperation and concern for the environment. She earned the position of Aruba's official representative at the World's Children Festival in Washington, D.C. in 2011 by her active participation in artistic and cultural events.

Ethan Westera has demonstrated time and again to be dedicated to windsurfing, encouraging island youngsters to pursue and active, healthy lifestyle and excellence in their undertakings. At 14 years old he is an accredited professional on the PWA circuit. He was named Athlete of the Year during the 2011 Aruba Hi-Winds. He has won the IFCA World Championship title for male under 17 in Slalom, in France in 2010 and in Curação in 2011 and at the Brouwsdam finished as the World Champion under 15 and 2nd place world title in Under 17 Men's Division.

Brandon Rincones is dimi-

nutive dynamite as an athlete and a singer. He was only 8 years old when he won his first annual patriotic song competition, which he won again this past year at the age of 11, as well as the Children Dande King. His other passions are baseball and boxing, and he was part of the team that won an international title for Aruba in Miami last year, as well as being the second place island champion in the annual Golden Gloves. Aside from all these pursuits, he was also the top student in his school this past year.

The winners of the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Youth Cup this year was the dance team of Club di Movimiento, under the direction of Samantha Westera-Juppa, mother of Ethan. The school has existed for 15 years, and in the last few, Samantha has taken her pupils beyond Aruba's shores to earn accolades in the international arena.

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Aruba honors...

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The girls, ages 13-18, earned acclaim and medals at International Youth Dance Festival a few years ago, and gain garnered acclaim in 2011. This past February they participated with dancers from all over Europe during the Dance Festival Prix Arabesque in Belgium, interacting with them and acquainting them with Aruba. They have been very active in a number of dance programs conducted locally throughout the years.

Governor Fredis Refunjol proudly presented these admirable young people with their awards, citing their importance as examples for others of their generations to be all they can be.

by Rosalie Klein

Local Police issues serious warning to community

ORANJESTAD -- The Head of the Department of Youth & Morals of the Police Force has reported that in recent times there has been an increase in cases involving adults luring young people, especially young girls, into the ugly world of the sex industry.

These unscrupulous adults promise these young people easy money; even with the promise of introducing them to top celebrities or tourists who may or may not expect sexual favors and will pay them huge sums of money. According to the reports, there were certain cases where young people were outright lied to about being paid for sexual favors,

that resulted in nothing more than sexual violation with no financial payout as promised.

Reportedly, many of our young people are being approached via websites or social sites with more and more perverse people in the sex industry, marketing to younger people through the social media.

The Police is currently investigating different cases of abuse and of sollicitation of young people. Regrettably, however, the police has noted that there are many young people who are voluntarily getting involved in this underground. As a result of their involvement in this phenomena, many

of our promising young people are dropping out of school, running the risk of contracting diseases, depression and suicide and drugadiction.

The fact that many of these young people are voluntarily submitting themselves to the thugs makes it difficult for the police to charge the offenders for violations.

The Police is appealing to the community to report anything they know about or may have seen. You are encouraged to contact the JZ Police Department on their tipline 11-141. You can also contact them via email at prevenciondicrimen@gmail.com. Or, on Facebook at prevenciondi-

crimen.

A very special warning goes out to parents of young people to be especially alert and conscientious of the dangers lurking around our youth. The youth are encouraged to give attention to their studies at school, to educate themselves, or to find employment. Don't be fooled into acquiring the luxuries of the world without making the required sacrifices. Consult the Job Center for work, or get a temporary part time job to keep you productive and sanely occupied.

Parents, continue to ask yourself the popular question: "Do I know where and with whom my child is right now?"

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Governor Refuniol inspects the honor quard



Officials welcomed by Marine Honor Guard

Annually, Queens Day is set aside for the presentation of the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Award, named for Aruba's first appointed gov-

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ernor after the island had attained Status Aparte, the right to govern autonomously within the Dutch Kingdom.



Scouting Aruba on Parade

The three winners of the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Stimulus Cup, Marifer Aguirre, Ethan Westera and Brandon Rincones, "directly contradict critics of today's youth," announced Parliamentary President Paul

Governor Refunjol had the honor of presenting them with their trophies and to the 2012 winners of the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Youth Cup, the dance group from Club di Moviemento, who

won honors at a number of classical dance competitions in the U.S. and Europe.

The festive morning ended with the traditional "Viva La Reina" - Long Live the Queen and a march of Scouting Aruba down the L.G. Smith Boulevard for inspection by Governor Refunjol, Prime Minister Eman and island dignitaries.





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A lively Queens Day celebration at Paseo Herencia



Youth in Action demonstrates Salsa

The management of Paseo Herencia "Heritage Walk"

Center in Palm Beach, in keeping with their policy of bringvisitors more than just shopping, dining and entertainment, staged a lively evening of traditional and modern island dance in the Plaza Padu amphitheater in celebration of Oueens Day, April 30.

Paseo Heren-cia was designed to provide insights

and information to Aruban culture and history; and holiday

are a perfect time to share the music and dance of the island and region with visitors and residents who fill their halls in search of holiday bargains and

entertainment.

This year, Kids/Youth in Action Dance Troupe provided gaily costumed examples of Latin dance such as Salsa and Merengue plus a taste of Tambu, a dance developed by the Curacao slave population typified by certain movements to bypass the strictures of cruel owners and overseers who did not permit them to dance, in the continual effort to break

their spirit.

Slaves were not allowed musical instruments either, so the traditional percussion instruments used for performing authentic Tambu (which actually means drum) were made from shovels and other field tools, along with the animals skins stretched over scrap wood to form the tambu. Since the slaves were not permitted to actually lift their feet in dance steps, which were noisy, they developed a movement of swinging their hips and shuffling their feet along the floor.

Along with the free cultural



Master of Ceremonies Franklin Kock

show, a holiday tradition, Paseo Herencia shops offered special sidewalk sales, reflecting a favorite Queens Day pastime-flea markets. One thing is certain, no matter where one hails from - and the program's MC Franklin Kock discerned the audience was a mixed group from the U.S., Canada, Holland, Latin America and Aruban - everybody loves a bargain!

by Rosalie Klein



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Obama on surprise trip to sign Afghan deal

KABUL (AFP) - US President Barack Obama yesterday landed in Afghanistan under a veil of secrecy and high security to sign a post-2014 partnership deal designed to secure a "future of peace" after the misery of a decade of war.

A year to the day after the killing of Osama bin Laden, the architect of the September 11 attacks that drew America into the Afghan quagmire, Obama descended under the cover of darkness for a swift and symbolic visit.

He signed a post-war partnership deal with President Hamid Karzai, told US troops their sacrifice had made a "light on the horizon" ahead, and made a major televised address to the American people on the progress of the war.

"Neither Americans nor the Afghan people asked for this war, yet for a decade we've stood together," Obama said early today, signing a 10-page pact pledging US aid to Afghanistan after 2014 when NATO combat troops leave.

"I'm here to affirm the bond between our two countries and to thank Americans and Afghans who have sacrificed so much over these last ten years," he said at Karzai's presidential palace.

"We look forward to a future of peace. Today we're agreeing to be long-term partners."

The pact forsees the possibility of American forces staying behind to train Afghan

forces and pursue the remnants of Al-Qaeda but does not commit Washington to specific troop or funding levels for Afghanistan.

The deal, reached after months of painstaking negotiations, also states that the United States does not seek permanent military bases in Afghanistan and was concluded just over two weeks before a NATO summit in Chicago.

Later, Obama, the commander-in-chief of American troops, addressed soldiers at Bagram air force base.

"It's still tough, the battle is not yet over. Some of your buddies are going to get injured, some of your buddies may get killed," Obama said.

Five arrested for trying to blow up Ohio bridge

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"The individuals charged in this plot were intent on using violence to express their ideological views," Stephen Anthony, special agent in charge of the Cleveland division of the FBI, said in a statement.

"The Joint Terrorism Task Force will continue to be vigilant in its efforts to detect and disrupt any terrorism threat, domestic or international."

The FBI began to infiltrate the group at a protest in October after a confidential informant sent there heard them complaining that the rest of the people did not want to "act violently," the criminal complaint stated.

In later meetings, the group of young men said they wanted to attack "corporate America and the financial system" and discussed how they could make sure people didn't think their actions were "random acts" of violence, the charging paper said.

They initially plotted to distract the police with smoke grenades while knocking signs off bank buildings, but decided there weren't enough people in Cleveland willing to participate in a riot.

They eventually settled on the plot to blow up a bridge that spans the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, although they had also discussed blowing up a bridge downtown.

"Taking out a bridge in the business district... would cost the corporate big wigs a lot of money not just because of structural damage to the bridge but because it's going to stop a lot of people going to work," Brandon Baxter, 20, allegedly said in a secretly recorded conver-

They eventually asked the confidential informant to reach out to his 'contacts' and

help them buy riot gear and C-4 explosives.

One of the conspirators, Douglas Wright, 26, allegedly said he could raise the money by selling marijuana.

In the many conversations recorded by the informant, the men allegedly insisted that they weren't terrorists and did not want to hurt anybody, debated how to download the Anarchist Cookbook without being traced online, and declared they would be sent to Guantanamo Bay if they got caught.

Some of the other plots discussed were: targeting the headquarters of a neo-Nazi or Ku Klux Clan group; attacking a hospital or bank with stink bombs, explosives or paint guns; sinking a cargo ship; derailing a train; and action at the G8 summit in Chicago or the Republican convention in Florida.

"The complaint in this case alleges that the defendants took specific and defined actions to further a terrorist plot," said Steven Dettelbach, US Attorney for the northern district of Ohio.

"The defendants stand charged based not upon any words or beliefs they might espouse, but based upon their own plans and actions."

Hugo Chavez's trips to Cuba keeping Venezuelans uneasy

Hugo Chavez is keeping Venezuelans uneasy with his frequent trips to Cuba. On Monday night the Venezuelan President returned to Cuba in order to continue his cancer treatment and trips to the Caribbean island have taken place every few weeks after doctors in Cuba allegedly removed a tumor in his pelvic region back in February this year.

The uneasiness among Venezuelans might not be

caused by the head-of-state's frequent absence from the country but more due to the uncertainty his health is posing within Venezuelan politics.

According to Fox News Latino, Venezuelan lawmaker, Ismael Garcia said of Chavez's health, "I ask you, Mr. President, in the name of Venezuelans, to inform a medical board precisely what it is you have, so that the nation finally can find out."

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Still, Chavez left to Cuba leaving the questions unanswered.

With the national Venezuelan elections taking place on October 7 of this year, it seems that Chavez is trying everything he can not only to regain his health by then, but to make it alive.

According to a FoxNews report last November, specialists gave predictions that Hugo Chavez would be seeing his deathbed in 2012. The report is certainly not baseless.

Also several unconfirmed reports -- all from anonymous sources -- have claimed in recent months that Chávez's cancer is very bad. Yet during his increasingly irregular and brief public appearances, the leftist 57-year-old leader has remained upbeat -- defying the worst-case scenarios put forth about his health.

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International News

Dutch 'cannabis card' roll-out draws mixed response

MAASTRICHT (AFP) - New Dutch laws to stub out the sale of cannabis to foreign dope tourists kicked in yesterday -- and were promptly breached by a prominent coffee shop in Maastricht.

But elsewhere in the southern Netherlands, where the rules were applied yesterday, coffee shops turned away disappointed buyers from Belgium, France, Germany and Poland and started a required registration for local users.

"People, you can come inside without a cannabis card. We are open to everybody," Marc Josemans, owner of the Easy Going coffee shop in Maastricht told his clientele as they lined up outside his place.

"I think the cannabis card is discriminatory and trouble in the streets will grow in the weeks to come," Josemans told AFP as his customers bought the Dutch maximum legal quantity of five grams (0.18 ounces) of marijuana before leaving.

Famous for decades for its laid-back attitude toward cannabis, the Netherlands will now require so-called coffee shops in some regions to only sell to signed-up members who live in the country, not to foreign visitors. The tougher rules, set to take effect nationwide from next year, effectively turn coffee shops into private clubs with no more than 2,000 members, who must be over 18 and legal residents of the country.

As of yesterday in three provinces, coffee shops must turn away those without the so-called "cannabis cards", which allow locals and foreigners living in the country to enter and light up.

A last-minute challenge seeking to declare the law discriminatory by coffee shop owners -- including in the Limburg, North-Brabant and Zeeland provinces on the Belgian and German borders -- failed last week.

Yesterday, most of Maastricht's other 14 coffee shops remained closed in protest against the legislation, said Josemans, who is the chairman of the city's association of coffee shop owners.

But elsewhere, coffee shop owners stuck to the new law.

Presumed FARC rebel says Frenchman is 'prisoner of war'

BOGOTA (AFP) - A woman claiming to represent FARC leftist rebels said yesterday in calls to Colombian journalists that the group is holding French journalist Romeo Langlois as a "prisoner of war."

Radio yesterday that the caller -- who claims that she is a member of FARC's Front 15 wing could not be authenticated -- told reporters: "We have the French journalist under our control. We have provided him medical treatment."

Because he was accompanying Colombian troops and wearing "military garb" at the time of his capture "we have just declared him to be a prisoner of war," the woman said, according to Radio Caracol.

The journalists who received the phone call were on

the outskirts of Union Peneya, in Caqueta state, some 600 kilometers (370 miles) from Bogota, near where Langlois was captured during a skirmish with the guerrillas.

Colombian officials have said Langlois was shot in the arm during a firefight Saturday between rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the military.

Military officials said that after being wounded, Langlois shed his bullet-proof vest and military helmet and surrendered to the rebels, identifying himself as a civilian journalist.

Colombia's military, meanwhile, said yesterday it was continuing flights over the region to try to find the missing Frenchman, but has said it has no intention of trying to rescue



Romeo Langlois

him.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said Monday there were indeed "very clear signs" that Langlois has been kidnapped by leftist FARC rebels during the weekend gun battle in the jungle.

Tear gas, arrests as protests heat up on West Coast

OAKLAND (AFP) - Police arrested a number of Occupy protestors yesterday after clashing in May Day demonstrations in California, an AFP photographer said, as tear gas was used here and further north in Seattle.

Demonstrators broke a number of shop windows in downtown Seattle, in Washington state, and set a fire outside a US District Court, local media reported.

In Oakland, which was the scene of repeated Occupy protests last year, some of which turned violent, four or five protestors were detained after being chased by officers.

The Oakland Police Department did not immediately confirm the arrests, which came as Occupy Wall Street protestors took to the streets in New York and elsewhere as part of a planned "general strike" across the United States.

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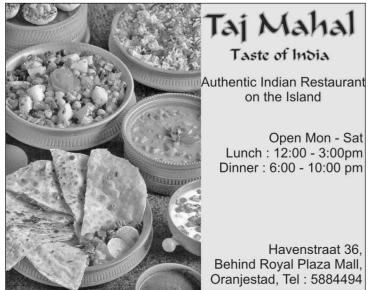
ported that at least three protestors were arrested as the May Day protest heated up, after police fired at least two tear-gas rounds into what had so far been a peaceful demonstration.

Officers ordered the crowd to clear an intersection in downtown Oakland, but many refused to move, chanting, "We are not afraid. The whole world is watching," it reported.

Tensions rose after police chased down several protesters and detained them. A crowd quickly formed around them, shouting and hurling objects at the officers.

In Seattle protestors broke the front windows of sportswear store Niketown and several windows of American Apparel, while scrawling graffiti on a Fidelity Investments offices.

Swarms of black-clad protestors set a small fire outside the old US Court of Appeals, and shot paintballs at the building, the Seattle Times reported.







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Health & Living

Scientists find gene that inhibits pancreas cancer spread

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists have identified a gene that slows the spread of pancreatic cancer tumours, paving the way for targeted treatment of one of the deadliest forms of the disease.

After discovering the gene dubbed USP9X at work in a study of pancreatic cancer in

mice, the international research team found it also played a role in humans.

The existence of the gene, which is found in all of our cells but goes missing in some tumours, was known before but not its role as a cancer suppressor, said researcher David Tuveson.

Three other pancreatic tumour suppressor genes are known to exist, but this is the one whose absence "probably causes metastasis -- that is what kills people with pancreas cancer," said the scientist.

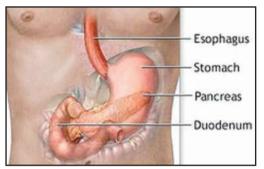
The discovery means that "we can wake up the gene by

using drugs" known as epigenetic modulators, he added.

"Our observation allows us to potentially treat people that have lost this gene in the pancreas tumours. It allows us to offer a ther-

apy for the patients that actually have the worst prognosis."

Tuveson said these kinds of drugs have already been developed, "but people haven't figured out where exactly they would be useful.



Pancreatic cancer kills about 96 percent of its victims within five years of diagnosis, one of the lowest cancer survival rates.

Early diagnosis is difficult, so the disease is often discovered only after it has already spread.

Rastafarians face hardship in Ethiopian 'promised land'



SHASHEMENE (AFP) - A ceremonial fire burns as dread-locked Rastafarians sway to drum beats, chanting "Haile I! Selassie I!" in praise of the former Ethiopian emperor whom they uphold as God incarnate.

Marijuana smoke rises from the crowd, decked out in their trademark red, gold and green -- also the colours as the Ethiopian flag -- as they celebrate the 46th anniversary this month of Haile Selassie's visit to Jamaica.

That trip prompted an influx of Jamaican Rastafarians to the Horn of Africa state, which they believe is their promised land.

But some feel Ethiopia has not measured up -- and now want change.

When the movement emerged in the 1930s among descendants of African slaves in Jamaica, it adopted Haile Selassie as the messiah, at a time when he stood out as the only independent black monarch in Africa.

They even took their name from his pre-regnal title -- "Ras" for "head" and his birth name "Tafari".

A supporter of decolonization and cooperation among African states when they were still largely under European control, Haile Selassie set aside land south of the capital in the 1950s to welcome back the African diaspora.

It is one of Africa's few Rastafarian communities and residents hold fast to their cultural mainstays: dreadlocks, vegetarian diets, reggae music and marijuana smoking.

But life changed in 1974 when Haile Selassie was overthrown in a coup led by Mengistu Haile Mariam whose Marxist-Leninist regime confiscated the Shashemene plot, prompting most Rastas to flee its authoritarian rule.

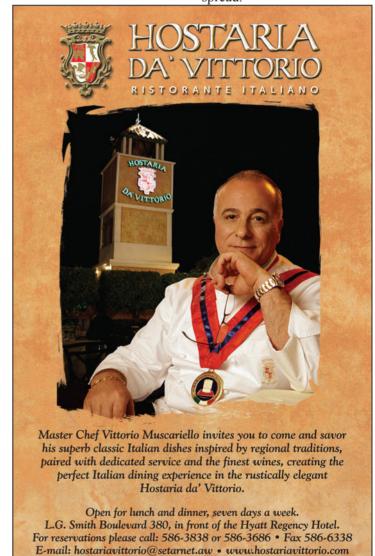
Though 40 hectares have been returned to the community since Meles Zenawi, now prime minister, took power in 1991, the 600 or so Rastas from the Caribbean, North America and Europe living there today are "tolerated" by the government, holding neither citizenship nor any legal right to the land.

The Rastafarians now want clarification, and sent a petition to parliament three months ago urging the government to grant them legal status and legal title to their land. As yet they have not heard back.

"We have been here over 50 years. That means we have been integrated into the Ethiopian society, into the Ethiopian culture. Some of us have Ethiopian husbands, some of us have Ethiopian wives," said Carol Rocke, 56, who runs a Caribbean restaurant

Rastafarians say it was the "divinity" of the land that drew them to Ethiopia, which is mentioned in the Bible more than 30 times and is believed to be the birthplace of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

"This is the promised land, this is where God is born," Kestekle Ab, 82, who moved from Jamaica 11 years ago, said authorities recently told him to relocate to make room for construction of a new road.





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Aruba House in the Hague launches new website information



For the 1500 Aruban students stydying and residing in the Netherlands, the information and rules pertaining to health insurance appear to be less than obvious to too many.

Despite all the information that is immediately shared upon the arrival of Aruban students to the Netherlands; information about life and living in Holland, and concerning insurance requirements and procedures, it has been proven that many students still confront different problems.

Last year, as an example, many students encountered a problem with insurance and ended up having to pay fines. The Aruba House immediately informed each student via their website concerning the insurance matter. The students were informed about the procedure for obtaining the insurance, but also about how to avoid paying the fine, and how to avoid being fined in the future.

The Department of Education at Aruba House has decided to expand their website with a special section for students. Aruba House is collaborating with Bogaard Assurantien to launch a temwebside (www.arubahuissudenten.nl) with practical information about insurance. Aruba House also has a special agreement with Boogaard Assurantien to prepare a special insurance package for Aruban students.

All information concerning insurance is available on the website. This matter is of utmost importance to our students, hence the reason they are placing this much emphasis on getting the correct and

all the information to all studennts in the most transparent manner possible.

According to Samuell Dumfries, head of the Department of Education at Aruba House, it is their goal to inform students in a pro-active manner. Reportedly, during the course of the year, Aruba House will have a completely new website where all information will be available to our students.

Photo shows Head of the Dept. Of Education at Aruba House observing the new studnet website.



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IMF rejects call to cut ties with Iran

WASHINGTON(AFP) - The International Monetary Fund yesterday rejected a call by a US anti-Iran group for it to cut its relations with Tehran's central bank in order to adhere to US and European sanctions.

The IMF said its account with Bank Markazi is simply related to Iran's membership in the IMF and does not contravene sanctions placed on Tehran to pressure it not to develop nuclear weapons.

The advocacy group United Against Nuclear Iran, a group of US ex-diplomats and government officials, said that the IMF needed to shut down its account with Bank Markazi, a specific target of the sanctions,

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or suspend Iran's membership in the fund.

It also criticized the IMF managing director, Christine Lagarde, for meeting with Bank Markazi's chief during the IMF's spring meeting last month in Washington, and for allegedly "lavishing praise on Iran and Bank Markazi."

"The IMF must also stop treating the Iranian regime like a responsible government in good standing at a time when the international community is trying to isolate it.'

IMFspokesman But William Murray said the IMF's account at Iran's central bank is simply there to hold the Iranian funds committed to the IMF as

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tion... the IMF's holdings of each member's currency are maintained with the central bank of the relevant member,

"There is nothing in the EU or US sanctions regimes that is inconsistent with arrangements."

As for UANI's call to suspend Iran's membership in the 188-member Fund, Murray said: "This is a matter that is best taken up with the Fund's member countries. We have no comment."

UANI is a group of former US diplomats, security officials, academics and others aimed at raising pressure on

'According to our constituincluding Iran," Murray said.

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Anti-austerity anger sweeps Europe on May Day

MADRID - Fed up with high unemployment and austerity, May Day protesters took to the streets across Europe yesterday in a wave of anger that threatens to topple leaders in Paris and Athens.

From the eve of the eurozone debt storm in Madrid to the streets of Paris and Athens. where tottering governments face elections within days, marchers denounced losses, spending cuts and hard

More than two years after the eurozone sovereign debt crisis erupted, frustration with austerity is boiling over across the continent as voters wait in vain for signs of the economic pay-off.

In Spain, suffering the industrialised world's highest jobless rate of 24.4 percent in the first quarter of 2012, the major unions called protests in about 80 cities.

in central Madrid's Neptuno square, decrying the jobless queue, new labour reforms that make it easier and cheaper to fire workers, and a budget squeeze in health care and education.

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NEW YORK (AFP) - General Motors will eliminate 190 jobs at research facilities in India and the United States, the biggest US automaker said Tyesterday.

"We're restructuring our global R&D (research and development) business to better focus on developing customerfocused innovations in a more efficient way," GM spokesman Dan Flores told AFP.

"All these changes to R&D will hopefully allow the company to continue innovation but in a faster manner."

Most of the positions affected are staff scientists, Flores said, adding that workers will have the opportunity to apply for other jobs at GM.

GM will eliminate roughly 100 jobs at its technical center in Warren, Michigan, and 90 positions in Bangalore, India.

brought repeated waves of pay and pension cuts.

In Paris, the French presidential election race overcast the day as three powerful political movements battled for attention with competing rallies five days before polling

Not far from the Italian capital in Rieti, three leading trade unions organised a concert attended by 300,000 young people where labour leaders called for austerity policies to be scrapped in exchange for progrowth measures.

In Portugal -- which along with Ireland and Greece needed foreign funding to avert bankruptcy -- thousands rallied in Lisbon and elsewhere to condemn deep spending

In contrast to Western European rallies, more than 100,000 people held a Sovietstyle march through Moscow to celebrate labour day and show support for presidentelect Vladimir Putin ahead of his inauguration next week.

In Poland, the Czech Republic and elsewhere on the continent, people showed growing frustration with an era of crushing economic hardship, with crowds reaching 100,000 in Vienna.

In Tunisia, home of the uprising that sparked the Arab Spring, some 20,000 protesters flooded a main avenue the capital criticising the moderate Islamist government for not doing enough to curb unemployment that approaches 50 percent in some regions.

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Bieber tweets love for Indonesia after enraging fans



JAKARTA (AFP) - Canadian popstar Justin Bieber on Monday tweeted his love for Indonesia, after enraging fans in the world's fifth most populous nation by referring to it as "some random country".

"One rumor I wont stand for is saying what me and my fans have isnt real. Indonesia I see you. i love u. I love ALL MY FANS," a post on the official @justinbieber Twitter account

Fans in Indonesia -- a country of 240 million people with the third-largest Facebook community in the world and the fifth-biggest number of Twitter accounts -- were angered on hearing how Bieber had referred to their nation.

"I was in some random country," British tabloid Daily Mirror quoted the 18-year-old as saying last week, when explaining where one of his new tracks was produced.

His manager, Scott "Scooter" Braun, interjected and informed him it was produced in Indonesia, the report

Fans, or "Beliebers", in the Southeast Asian country, where he performed a sell-out concert in April last year, demanded the young star apolo-

Bieber has a sizeable following in Indonesia, with nearly 20,000 followers on the Bieber Indonesia Twitter account and around 45,000 "likes" on the Justin Bieber Indonesia Facebook page.

Kiss 105 FM, an Indonesian radio station popular with teenagers, stopped playing Bieber's songs starting Friday.

"Our country has a name, we are not just some random country so we are certainly offended. What he said was in-appropriate," the station's manager Beldi Dimardi Abas told AFP.

"Some fans were so upset they had unfollowed or blocked his account. We appreciate that he said he loved Indonesia in his last Tweet, but we still think he should apolo-

Popular Indonesian singer Syahrini also called for an apology, news website tribunnews.com reported.

"Which citizen likes his or her country to be insulted? I love Indonesia. Let's create a good image for our beloved country," she said.

Jessica Simpson gives birth to baby girl



ANGELES (AFP) - Singer and actress Jessica Simpsor gave birth Tuesday to a bouncing baby girl, she announced on her website with ner fiance, former NFL football player Eric Johnson.

Simpson, who recently appeared naked and heavily pregnant a la Demi Moore on the cover of Elle, said she was delighted to Maxwell Drew Johnson, who weighed in at a healthy 9 oounds 13-ounces.

"Eric and I are elated to announce the birth of our baby inches, the 31-year-old singer, actress and reality star later wrote. "This has been the greatest experience of our ives."

The child is the first both for Simpson and the 32-yearold Johnson, a former football player. The couple began dating in 2010.





'Orange fever' traditionally sweeps the Netherlands and it's colonies on Koninginnedag or Queen's Day held annually on April 30 in honour of the monarch (although it's original the birthday of Queen Juliana, the mother of Queen Beatrix). This year Queen Beatrix and her family have celebrated Queens day in the province of Utrecht (each year, the monarch visits a different town to celebrate) in the towns of Rhenen and Veenendaal, after the celebration in front the town hall of Veenendaal, where orange and red, white and blue confetti over the singing masses descended the queen thanked the inhabitants, where the queen had Friso know to be missed. "It is unfortunate and sad that our family is not complete. But all the warmth, the good wishes that we felt and heard, will be passon". Johan Friso wife Mabel was not present during the celebration.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

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Lima's sacred, pre-Inca 'huacas' fall prey to growth



View of an ancient archaeological site surrounded by apartment buildings in a residential district of Lima.

LIMA (AFP) - On a street corner, under a garbage dump, at a construction site -- pre-Inca archeological sites abound in Lima, where the ruins of hundreds of sacred places, or "huacas", are at the mercy of urban growth and public indifference.

In the middle of the Miraflores residential district, one of Lima's best restaurants opens onto the terrace of an ancient pyramid, offering fine food in a 1,500 year-old setting bathed in artificial lighting.

The Huaca Pucllana, the city's archeological star, has been impeccably preserved thanks to a partnership with the restaurant, but the rare publicprivate initiative is an exception to the rule.

About three kilometers (two miles) away, in the densely populated Chorrillos neighborhood, a sign marks the existence of an "intangible archeological zone". Its base is heaped with garbage. A small Catholic shrine sits in the middle of the huaca, built "thanks to the patronage" of the local mayor, as another sign says.

There is no registry that keeps track of the huacas -which comes from the Quechua word "wak'a" meaning sacred place -- but archeologists say more than 300 of the adobe structures are spread around this city of nine million people.

"Most huacas are officially the cultural patrimony of the nation, but the area around

them that cannot be touched is not delineated," bemoans Cristian Vizconde, an archeologist who heads a project at the biggest site in northern Peru.

'This omission allows developers and squatters to invade them, or mayors to build parks and playing fields on them," he said.

And where huacas have not been designated as cultural patrimony, "they have virtually disappeared," he said.

In a way, there is nothing new here: Lima is expanding along with its booming economy, paving over the city's ancient foundations non-stop construction, just as it always has.

Archeologist Elias Mujica recalls that the presidential palace on the Plaza de Armas or its predecessor built by Francisco Pizarro after founding Lima in 1535 -- was erected on top of the Taulichusco palace, the seat of the city's government in pre-Columbian times.

The colonial city hall built in 1549 is on another sacred site, the Cabildo huaca, and a temple dedicated to the god Puma Inti once stood where the cathedral is today.

The remaining huacas "for the most part are not protected, which is why they have been invaded by families without homes, or turned into dumps or refuges for delinquents," said Luis Caceres, director of archeology at the Culture Ministry.



SPORTS

Football: Real out to clinch La Liga crown in Bilbao

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid visit Athletic Bilbaotoday knowing a win would give them their first 'La Liga' title in four years, breaking the domination of Barcelona forged by the departing Pep Guardiola.

With three games remaining Madrid's seven point lead over the Catalans mean one more win is all they require, and the trophy would go some way to make up for the disappointment of losing last week's Champions League semi-final to Bayern Munich.

For Madrid coach Jose Mourinho it would be the fourth country in which he has achieved such a feat, he is currently level on three with Louis van Gaal who includes two titles in Spain with Barca in his personal haul.

It would also be an incredible seventh championship in 10 seasons for the Portuguese coach who started with two titles in his native country with Porto before going on to win two at both Chelsea and Inter Milan.

To add to the growing list of achievements Madrid need to win their three remaining games to reach 100 points and break the record set by Guardiola's Barca in 2009/10 when they got 99 points to beat Madrid by three, then led by Manuel Pelligrini.

Mourinho continued his boycott of the Spanish media after Sunday's 3-0 victory over Sevilla but his assistant Aitor Karanka talked of the potential of winning the league at his former club.

"It would be nice to become champions in San Mames (Bilbao's stadium), to win the Spanish league is important because it has taken a huge effort to achieve it and it was a big objective of ours, but it does not make up for missing out in the Champions League," he said.

For their part, Barcelona kick-off against fourth-placed Malaga two hours before and a defeat for Guardiola's side would hand the title to Madrid before a ball is kicked.

The same scenario, however, was the case last Sunday before Barcelona showed no signs of nerves and recorded a 7-0 away victory at Rayo Vallecano.

Lionel Messi grabbed two goals to go level with Cristiano Ronaldo on 43 league goals meaning the world's best two players will take their own particular contest to finish as La Liga's top-scorer to the very end.

Messi also has another prize in sight as he currently has 65 in all competitions, just two short of Gerd Muller's 67 goal record set in the 1972/73 season for Bayern Munich.

Other issues to be resolved include the two remaining Champions League and Europa League places.

Valencia and Malaga are in the driving seat for the bigger prize, on 55 points they are both three ahead of Levante.

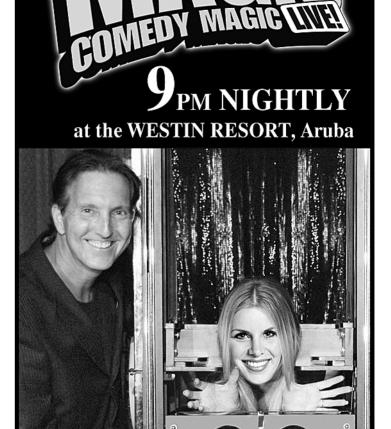
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Osasuna, themselves only a point from a Europa League place, could be capitalised on by Levante who go to relegation threatened Zaragoza today.

The side from Aragon are facing the drop along with Sporting Gijon, both teams are on 34 points, four from Villarreal and five from Granada with bottom club Racing Santander already relegated.

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Tennis: History man Nadal builds towards seventh French Open



BARCELONA(AFP) - Rafael Nadal is back on top of his mental and physical game after completing a fortnight of history-making with the Spanish king of clay adding another line for the record books on Sunday.

The world number two became the first man to win two separate events seven times, as he defeated battling compatriot David Ferrer 7-6 (7/1), 7-5 to win a seventh trophy

at the Barcelona Open. That success came seven days after he thrashed world number one Novak Djokovic for an eighth consecutive title at the Monte Carlo Masters. At the start of the month, Nadal would not have liked his victory chances after being forced to quit before his Miami semi-final with Andy Murray due to left knee pain.

But a week or so of therapy, married to his iron will, has put the 25-year-old on course for what would be an unprecedented seventh French Open title.

His Barcelona triumph marked his seventh title in eight editions, with his only loss prior to 34 straight victories coming in 2003 to current Davis Cup captain Alex Corretja. Thin-Crust Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches, Chicken Dishes and more



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NBA: Thunder beat Mavericks to stretch series lead

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) -Russell Westbrook scored 29 points and NBA scoring champion Kevin Durant added 26 to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder over defending champion Dallas 102-99 on Monday in an NBA playoff game.

The final eight Thunder points came from the free throw line as the hosts held off the Mavericks down the stretch to seize a 2-0 lead in the first-round Western Conference best-of-seven series. Game three will be Thursday at Dallas.

'We just came out and won with our hearts," Westbrook said. "Definitely we did a good job of getting good stops. That is what got us the victory."

Durant struggled from the field, making only 5-of-17 shots, but went 14-of-16 from

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James Harden added 15 points for Oklahoma City, going 10-of-10 from the free throw line.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points to lead the Mavericks, the German star going 10-of-19 from the field but perfect in 11 attempts from the free throw line.

Nowitzki scored 20 points in the first half when Dallas began a fightback. The Mavericks fell behind by as much as 16 points in the second quarter but rallied within 57-50 at half-time and 79-77 entering the fourth quarter.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Westbrook and Derek Fisher put the Thunder ahead 92-88 but Nowitzki followed with a 3-point play on a layup and free throw to pull Dallas back within a point.

Durant and Dallas' Jason Terry exchanged baskets, then Oklahoma City's Kendrick Perkins and Nowitzki exchanged free throws, leaving the Thunder ahead 96-95 with 3:02 remaining.

Vince Carter connected on a bank shot to give the Mavericks a 97-96 lead.

But Durant hit two free throws after being fouled by Terry with 50 seconds to play and Harden hit two more free throws with 25 seconds remaining after being fouled by Shawn Marion to give the Thunder a 100-97 lead.

Terry made a driving layup with 20 seconds remaining to pull Dallas within one point but the Mavericks were forced to foul again to stop the clock and Harden sank two more free throws for a 102-99 lead with 15 seconds remaining.

Terry missed a 3-pointer that would have tied the game but Carter grabbed the rebound and threw it back to him for one final chance, which bounced off the rim at the final buzzer to give Oklahoma City the victory.

Football: Fulham record historic win over Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (AFP) - A Martin Skrtel own goal allowed Fulham to record their first ever top flight league win on Merseyside in 42 attempts as the London club prevailed 1-0 over Liverpool on Tuesday in their Premier League clash.

The home defeat hardly represented Liverpool's best possible preparation for Saturday's FA Cup Final date with Chelsea.

In a meeting between two of new England manager Roy Hodgson's most recent employers, Liverpool's wretched home league form continued as they failed to record a victory for the 13th time in 18 games.

More alarmingly, Liverpool could also end the season outside the top eight in the top division of English football for the first time since 1954.

Manager Kenny Dalglish elected to leave four potential

Wembley starters out of his line-up - goalkeeper Pepe Reina, plus Steven Gerrard, Daniel Agger and Luis Suarez and his decision looked a costly one when Fulham took the lead after only five min-

From the game's first attack, Clint Dempsey's pass sent former Liverpool fullback John Arne Riise down the left-hand touchline and his cross into the six-yard box was met by another former Anfield player Alex Kacaniklic.

Liverpool responded in reasonably impressive fashion, Skrtel quickly trying to make amends as he headed wide from a Fabio Aurelio free-kick. although Fulham might have doubled their lead on 15 minutes when Dempsey threaded through for Pavel Pogrebnyak whose first-time shot was well parried by Doni.

Maxi Rodriguez collected

Dirk Kuyt's lay-off and sent a shot soaring over the Fulham bar although Andy Carroll was becoming the most impressive attacking presence in a red shirt.

After 23 minutes, Kuyt latched onto a loose ball after Carroll's progress was blocked and volleyed inches wide.

Before the half-hour, Mark Schwarzer mis-handled a cross under pressure from Carroll, allowing Maxi to square the ball for Jonjo Shelvey whose shot beat the Fulham keeper but not defender Brede Hangeland who cleared off the line.

Dalglish brought on Stewart Downing and switched to a 4-4-2 formation at the interval with early second half signs looking promising as Shelvey volleyed over and Jay Spearing dispossessed Dempsey before testing Schwarzer with a 20-yard shot which the goalkeeper kept out at full-stretch.



Nine held for naming UK footballer's rape victim online

LONDON (AFP) - British police arrested nine people Tuesday for naming a woman raped by footballer Ched Evans on social networking sites, bringing to 12 the number arrested over online circulation of the woman's name.

Evans, 23, who plays for Wales and Sheffield United in England's third tier, was jailed last month for raping a 19-year-old woman at a hotel in north Wales in May 2011.

After his sentencing, comments appeared on Twitter and other networks that allegedly revealed the victim's identity - breaching the right of rape victims to lifelong anonymity -- as well as directing abuse at her

Five men and four women from north Wales are being held for questioning, police said. They were arrested either on suspicion of malicious communication or under sexual offences legislation, or both.

Evans, who was jailed for five years after being found guilty last month, admitted having sex with the woman but denied rape. His lawyers said he maintains his innocence and plans to appeal against the verdict.

Evans's co-accused, Port Vale defender Clayton Mc-Donald, 23, also admitted having sex with the victim but was cleared.

Sheffield United is meanwhile carrying out an internal investigation into social media comments by reserve team player Connor Brown about the case. He has been suspended by the club.



NBA: Spurs' Popovich named Coach of the Year

NEW YORK (AFP) - San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was voted the NBA Coach of the Year for the 2011-2012 season, the NBA announced on Tuesday, marking the second time that Popovich has won the award.

Popovich, in his 16th season guiding the Spurs, coached San Antonio to a 50-16 record, matching Chicago for the best in the league. The Spurs reached the playoffs for a 15th consecutive season, the longest active NBA run.

Popovich, who also won the award in the 2002-2003 season, received 77 firstplace votes and 467 total points in voting by a media panel.

Chicago's Tom Thibodeau, last season's winner, was second with 27 first-place votes and 315 points. Indiana's Frank Vogel was third with seven first-place nods and 161 points.

Popovich is the longest tenured current coach with

the same team in the four major North American pro sports leagues and his 68-percent win ratio is the best of any of the longest-tenured coaches from any of those sports

With an NBA career record of 847-399 all spent with the Spurs, Popovich ranks second in NBA history for career triumphs with one club, trailing only former Utah coach Jerry Sloan's total of 1,127.

